

Life in a Community





Define *Limiting Factor*.

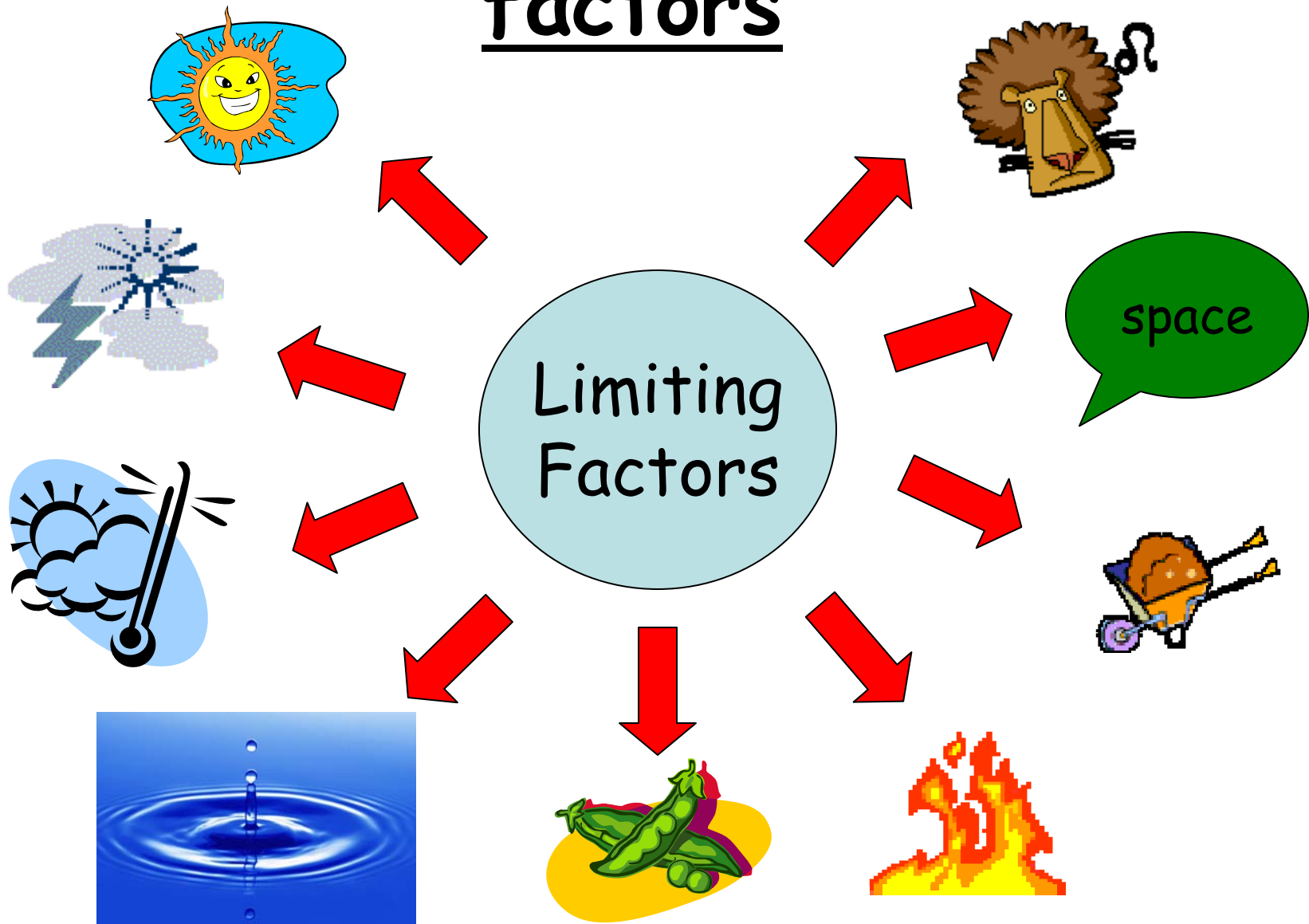
Any **biotic** or **abiotic** factor that **restricts** the

- ❖ Existence
- ❖ Numbers
- ❖ Reproduction
- ❖ Distribution

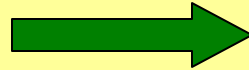
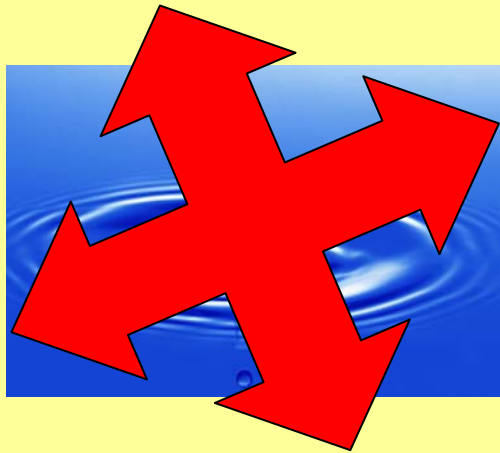
of organisms.



Name some common limiting factors

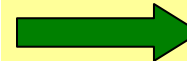
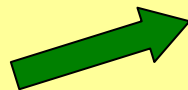


What would happen if...






Decrease

Seed Production
Decrease





What would happen if...

-  Grass had a lack of water?
-  The mouse population?
-  The hawk population?



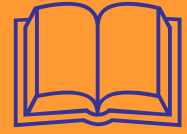
Therefore...

- Factors that limit **one** population in a community may have an **indirect** effect on **another** population.



Define *tolerance*.

- Tolerance is the ability of an organism to **withstand fluctuations** in biotic and abiotic environmental factors.
- In other words, it is a **range** of tolerance that a particular population can **remain** at **optimum** numbers.



Define succession

- Succession is the **natural changes** and **species replacement** that take place in a community.



Characteristics of Succession

- Succession occurs in **stages**.
- At each stage, **different** species of plants and animals may be present.
- The conditions at each stage are **suitable** for some organisms but **not** for others.



Characteristics of Succession

- As succession progresses, **new** organisms move in.
- Other organisms may **die** or **move out**.

 How many types of succession?

- Succession? 2
- Name the types of succession.
 - ❖ Primary Succession
 - ❖ Secondary Succession



Define Primary Succession.

- Primary succession is the colonization of barren land by communities of organisms.
- Primary succession takes place on land where there are no living organisms.



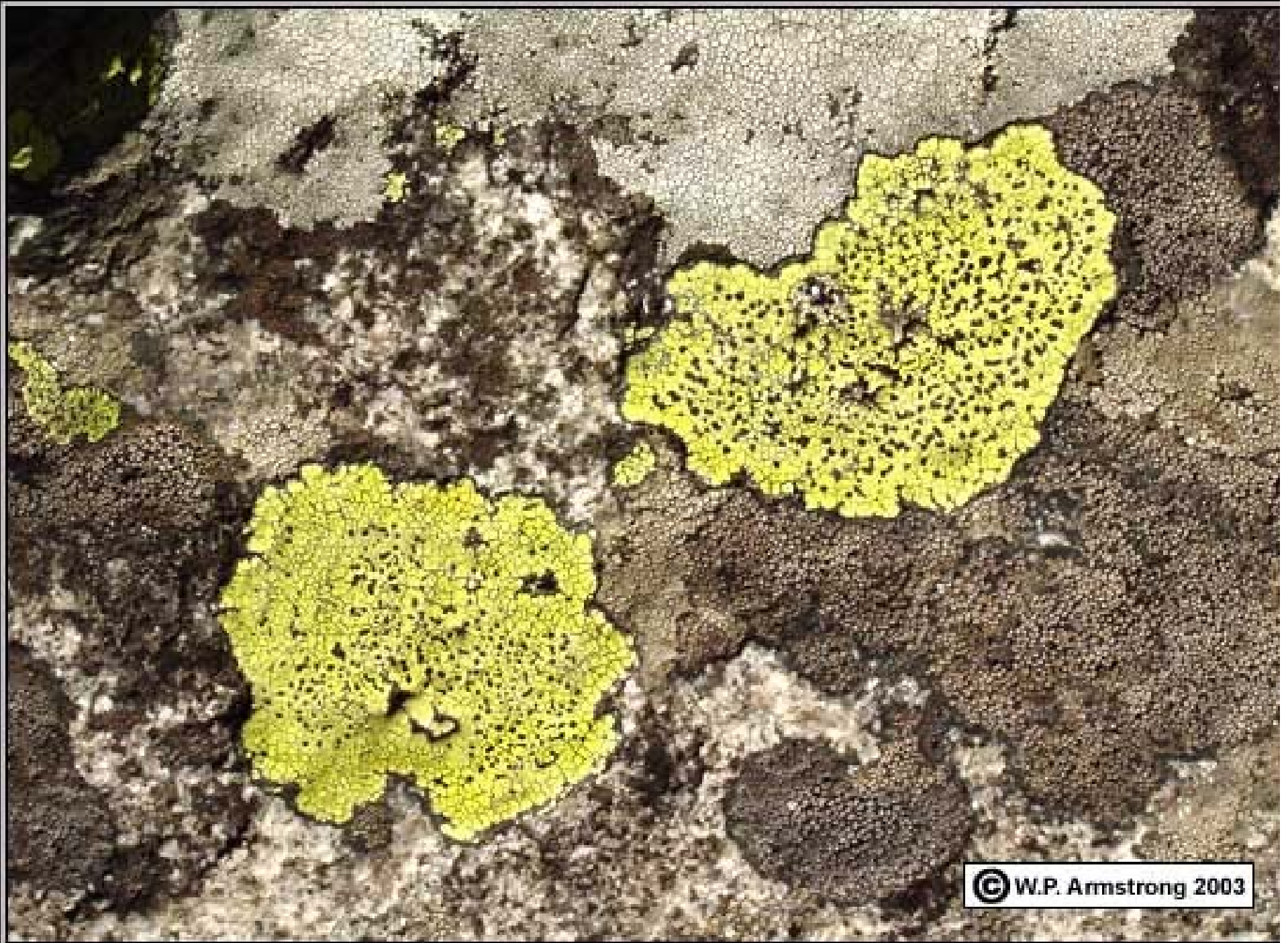
Define Pioneer Species.

- Pioneer species are the **first species** to take hold in an area.
- An example of pioneer species is the **lichens**.



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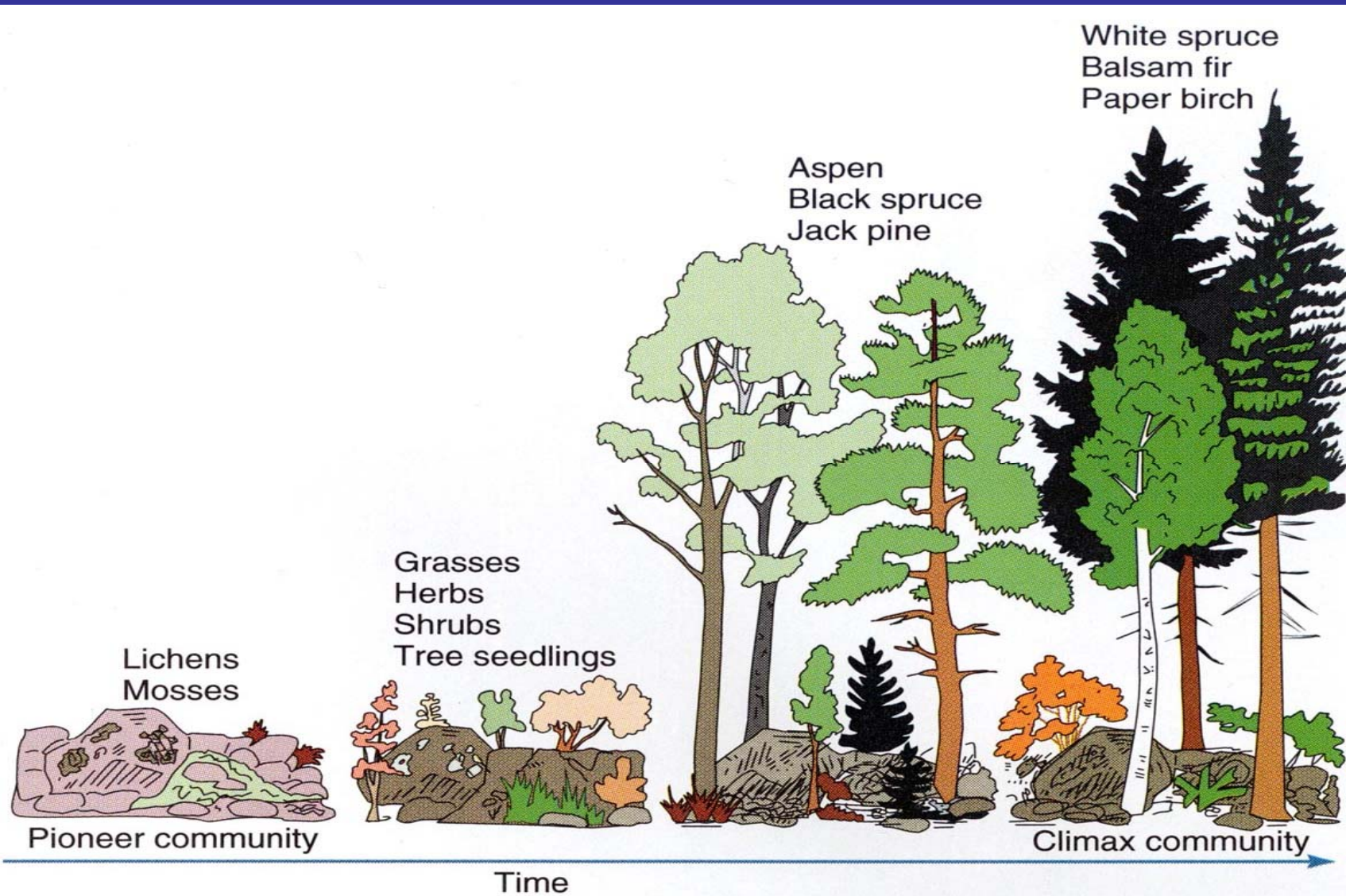




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- Pioneer species are only found in primary succession.

How succession works?





Define Climax Community.

- A climax community is a **stable** and **mature** community that undergoes **little** or **no changes** in species.
- A climax community may last for **hundreds** of years.



Define Secondary Succession

- Secondary succession is the sequence of changes that takes place after an **existing** community is **severely** **disrupted** in some ways.



Name some ways communities are disrupted.





Characteristics of Secondary Succession

- Secondary succession occurs in areas that **previously** contained life.
- In other words, the **soil** already **exist**.
- Secondary succession takes **less time** that primary succession to reach **climax** community.